

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present patent application are numbered 1-36. The rejections and comments of the Examiner set forth in the Office Action dated September 7, 2005 have been carefully considered by the Applicant. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider and allow the remaining claims.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

The present Office Action rejected Claims 1, 5-20, and 22-36 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Blight et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,785,542). Applicant has reviewed the above cited reference and respectfully submits that the present invention as recited in Claims 1, 5-20, and 22-36 is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the Blight et al. reference.

Independent Claim 1

Applicant respectfully points out that independent Claim 1 recites that the present invention includes a user initiated communication interface that provides network connectivity information for an associated electronic device, in part:

wherein said network connectivity information provides information specific to said associated electronic device is generically used to establish communication between said

associated electronic device and each of said other electronic devices. (Emphasis Added)

The present invention pertains to a communication system that implements a user initiated connectivity to a communication network. In particular, independent Claim 1 recites that a user initiated selector initiates a communication interface. The communication interface presents network connectivity information to a user. The network connectivity information is specific to an electronic device that implements the communication interface. That is, the network connectivity information is generically used to establish communication between the associated electronic device and each of the other electronic devices coupled to the communication network. More specifically, the network connectivity information is personal to the associated electronic device and can be used by other electronic devices seeking to establish communication with the associated electronic device.

Applicant respectfully notes that the prior art reference, Blight et al., does not teach nor suggest the present user initiated selector that presents, in particular, network connectivity information for the associated electronic device implementing the communication interface, wherein the network connectivity information is generically used to establish communication between the associated electronic device and each of the other

electronic devices coupled to the communication network, as claimed in independent Claim 1 of the present invention.

In contrast to independent Claim 1, the Blight et al. reference discloses a resource proxy for mobile wireless electronic devices that dynamically stores a set of resources that are available to the mobile wireless electronic device, and that are location specific. The resource proxy is located and implemented at the mobile device, and is used to maintain a list of available location based resources. Specifically, a resource table is disclosed to maintain a list of available resources. Also, a gateway table is used to select the particular pathway that is used to access a resource that is listed in the resource table. As such, the resource proxy stores information pertaining to remotely located devices that are available for communication with a mobile wireless electronic device.

The present invention, on the other hand, claims a communication interface that presents network connectivity information that provides information that is specific to the associated electronic device implementing the communication interface and is generically used to establish communication between the associated electronic device and each of the other electronic devices coupled to the communication network. This is in direct contrast to

the Blight et al. reference, in which, information stored cannot be generically used to establish communication between the associated electronic device and each of the other electronic devices. For example, information that the device A is within a certain location and available for communication with an associated electronic device is not useful in establishing communication between the associated electronic device and another device B.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as disclosed in independent Claim 1 is not anticipated by the Blight et al. reference, and is in a condition for allowance. In addition, Applicant respectfully submit that Claims 2-10 which depend from independent Claim 1 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

Independent Claims 11, 19, and 29

Applicant respectfully points out that independent Claims 11, 19, and 29 each recite that the present invention discloses methods for connection in which a communication interface that is user initiated provides network connectivity information necessary for establishing communication paths with other devices coupled to the communication network. More specifically, the network connectivity information is specific to a particular electronic device implementing the communication interface,

and is used generically to establish communication between the particular electronic device and each or any of other electronic devices coupled to the communication network.

Specifically, independent Claims 11 and 29 each recite that the present invention discloses, in part:

wherein said network connectivity information is generically used to establish communication between said electronic device and any of said other devices coupled to said communication network. (Emphasis Added)

Also, independent Claim 19 recites that the present invention discloses, in part:

wherein said network connectivity information provides information specific to said first electronic device and is generically used to establish communication between said first electronic device and each of said other devices coupled to said communication network. (Emphasis Added)

The present invention pertains to methods of connection that implement user initiated communication interface on an electronic device that when initiated presents to a user connectivity information specific to the electronic device implementing the communication interface that is necessary for establishing communication paths with other devices coupled to a communication network. In particular, independent Claims 11, 19, and 29 recite that a user initiated selector initiates a communication interface

that presents network connectivity information that is specific to an electronic device that implements the communication interface, and can be generically used to establish communication between the electronic device and each or any of the other electronic devices coupled to the communication network.

For analogous reasons set forth above in relation to supporting the allowance of independent Claim 1, Applicant respectfully notes that the prior art reference, Blight et al., does not teach nor suggest the present provision of network connectivity information, wherein the network connectivity information is specific to the electronic device implementing the communication interface, and is used generically to establish communication between the electronic device and each or any of the other electronic devices coupled to the communication network, as is recited in independent Claims 11, 19, and 29.

Furthermore, the present invention as claimed in independent Claim 11 distinctively recites that the communication interface provides prompting for the network connectivity information of the electronic device implementing the communication interface and network connectivity information specific for a second electronic device in order to establish a communication path between the electronic device and the second electronic device.

The network connectivity information that is specific to the second electronic device is generically used to establish communication between the second electronic device and any device coupled to the communication network. In contrast, the Blight et al. reference does not disclose the prompting for network connectivity information of two electronic devices through a communication interface to establish communication between the two devices.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as disclosed in independent Claims 11, 19, and 29 is not anticipated by the Blight et al. reference, and is in a condition for allowance. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 12-18 which depend from independent Claim 11 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim. Also, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 20-28 which depend from independent Claim 19 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 30-36 which depend from independent Claim 29 are also in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

The present Office Action rejected Claims 2-4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blight et al. in view of Gaucher (U.S. Patent No. 6,175,860). Applicant has reviewed the above cited references and respectfully submit that the present invention as recited in Claims 2-4, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the Blight et al. reference taken alone or in combination with the Gaucher et al. reference.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as disclosed in dependent Claims 2-4 are not rendered obvious by the Blight et al. reference, taken alone or in combination with the Gaucher et al. reference since they depend on allowable base Claim 1, as previously discussed. Specifically, embodiments of the present invention as described in Claims 2-4 for analogous arguments set forth above with respect to independent Claim 1, each describe in part that network connectivity information is presented through a communication interface, and is generically used to establish communication between the electronic device implementing the communication interface and each of the other electronic devices coupled to a communication network. As such, dependent Claims 2-4 are in a condition for allowance as being dependent on allowable base Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments and arguments presented herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected Claims for allowance thereof.

Based on the arguments presented above, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claims 1-36 overcome the rejections of record. Therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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